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Mr. David F. Trask
The Historian, Historical Office
Bureau of Public Affairs
Department of State
Room 619, Building SA2
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Trask:

This responds to your letter of 26 August addressed to [redacted] regarding documents from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library which were selected by researchers from your office.

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The documents in question were reviewed at the National Archives by a representative of my office on 29 September. I support his finding that the documents clearly have historical significance and should be made available for internal research purposes of your office. As stated in your letter, this grant of access is made with the understanding that if any of the documents are subsequently proposed for publication in the "Foreign Relations" volumes, you will request declassification in accordance with established procedures. In this regard, you will note that those documents from the Papers of John Foster Dulles are marked "Personal and Private" with classification markings lined out. It is the position of this Agency that such action, apparently by the Eisenhower Library, in no way changes the requirement for classification review prior to release of the documents in whole or in part to any unauthorized researcher.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Office of Presidential Libraries so as to expedite release of the documents to your office.

Sincerely,

/s/GFW

Gene F. Wilson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

cc: Mr. Daniel Reed



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

August 26, 1976

Dear [redacted]

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I am writing to request your permission for the Historical Office to obtain copies of documents originated by the Central Intelligence Agency which were selected by a team of researchers from the Historical Office at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library at Abilene, Kansas, in July 1975, for possible inclusion in the series "Foreign Relations of the United States." Copies of these documents have been forwarded to the National Archives where they are now being held; the Archives is awaiting your permission before sending them to our office.

Our request to you is not for declassification at this time, but merely for "copy" clearance, that is, permission to obtain and use these papers for internal research purposes. If any are proposed for publication in the "Foreign Relations" volumes, we will naturally request declassification in accordance with established procedures.

Since the National Archives would like formal authorization from you before it forwards the copied documents to the Historical Office, I ask that you extend this permission by conveying it in writing to Mr. Daniel Reed, Deputy Archivist for Presidential Libraries, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

Sincerely yours,

David F. Trask
The Historian, Historical Office
Bureau of Public Affairs

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